THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING (SHRI C. M, IBRAHIM): (a) The details are as under :—

(RS. in Crore)

Year	Air India Profitless)	Indian Airlines Profitless)
1994-93	40,80)	(188,73)
1995-96	(271.84)	(109.98)
1996-97*	(286.00)	(9S.35)

*(April to December 1996=Provisional)

Air India incurred kisses mainly due to increase in expenditure en account of interest and depreciation on new aircraft, reduction in yield, increased landing, handling and navigational charges, agitation of engineers, etc,

The major reasons for losses by Indian airlines are due to decline in market share became of entry of private Airlines, increased landing, handling and navigational charges, agitation of pilots
etc,

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines are taking steps to improve their product, image and un time performance to attract more passengers and to increase revenue.

Air Traffic Control Project of Mumbai

1658, SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Traffic Control Project of Mumbai has been shelved on account of safety Itazard

(b) the permissible height of Air Traffic Control lower and the proposed bai : persons responsible

(d) action porposed to be taken against those responsible for mishandling the project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) The Air Traffic Control Tower is constructed at a selected place to a height sufficient enough to ensure alround unobstructed view of the air field including take-off and approach paths of the aircraft, However, the matter is being enquired into,

Heading Newsltem Regarding New Norms for Unclaimed Dividends

1059, SHRI V, HANUMANTHA RAOs Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Business Standard dated 17th February, 1997 captioned "New Norms for unclaimed Dividends likely"!

(b) whether it is a fact that companies are casual in paying dividends; and

(c) whether Govemment have any machinery to monitor such activities; and

(d) if so, details thereof, to protect small shareholders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Adequate safeguards are available in the matter of payment of dividends including the unpaidlmclaimed dividends to the shareholders in terms of Sections 205A, 205B, 206 and 207 of the Companies Act, 1956.

The Department of Company Affairs has an Investors Protection Cell which *inter-alia* deals with complaints relating to non-receipt of dividend warrants. All such complaints are acknowledged and